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Produced through a special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing, Inc.

### The Cast

Alexander Sarah Jones
Mother Anna Owens
Father Josh Osborne

### The Ensemble

Hannah Riggs Katie Strathman
Courtney Williams Jessica Huggins
Jake Bernhard Justin Leviner
Jenna Still Jessyka Lloyd

Director Katie Damron
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Choreographer Jane Collins

Musicians

Piano Melony Dingle

Guitar Alan Hinnant and Charlie Thompson

**Production Staff** 

Rehearsal Accompanist Melony Dingle

Costumes Marge Cowles and Shannon Flaherty

Properties Sylvia Pickell

Set Neil Sheehan and Gary Strathman

Lighting Technician Frederick Bryan Playbill/Poster Design Wren Bunch

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#### THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Please, no food or drinks in the theatre. Photography is not permitted. Please turn off all beepers and cellular phones.

#### Notes

Betty Shofner (Music Director) Being the wife of an Air Force officer afforded Betty the opportunity to direct numerous musical groups in Alabama, Louisiana, Ohio, Virginia, and South Carolina. Since her husband's assignment to Shaw AFB in 1975, she has held positions as music director in several area churches as well as the Protestant Chapel at Shaw. During her years as Director of Fine Arts at Thomas Sumter Academy, she produced and directed numerous musicals, including "Godspell" and "Okalahoma." Presently, she is Director of Music at Dalzell UMC and is Director of the Sumter Civic Chorale. She is so pleased to have had the opportunity to work with Katie Damron and her group of talented students.

Jane Collins *(Choreographer)* A retired English teacher, Jane began choreographing musicals at SLT in 1971 with our production of "Kiss Me Kate." Since that time, she has choreographed musicals for the U.S. Army and Air Force. She choreographed a touring production of "The Fantasticks" in Florida. Jane is most proud of her work as a modern dance instructor for School District #17's Talented and Gifted Program. Most recently Jane choreographed SLT's 2002-2003 season smash hit "Forever Plaid."

Melony Dingle (*Pianist*) Melony's involvement with SLT began in the early 1990's with her placement in our box office as a member of the Junior Welfare League of Sumter. When her two daughters, Julia Margaret and Jayne, started theatre school, we were very happy to see more of her. And when SLT Executive Director Katie Damron found out that she was a very talented pianist, well, the rest is history. Melony served as accompanist for the 2002 and 2003 productions of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." We are very happy to have her at the piano for this production and look forward to working with her in the future.

Allen Hinnant (Guitar) This is Allen's first production with SLT. A native of Kingstree, SC who plays several musical instruments, Allen is primarily interested in folk music, both world and American. Allen currently teaches stringed instruments at Leonard's Music and is involved in several folklore research and recording projects. He also plays with the local bluegrass band, The Maxie Branch Boys.

Charlie Thompson (*Guitar, March 12*) A native of Sumter who plays several musical instruments, Charlie is the lead guitarist with the band Three Days Later, and works with several praise bands in the area. Charlie attends USC Sumter and teaches guitar at Leonard's Music.

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By Joe DiPietro

April 22-25 and 29-May 2, 2004

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